

BEFORE
THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF
SOUTH CAROLINA
DOCKET NO. 2000-041-C - ORDER NO. 2000-0364

APRIL 17, 2000

IN RE: Petition of BellSouth Telecommunications,) ORDER GRANTING
Inc. for Arbitration of an Interconnection) MOTION FOR
Agreement with US LEC of South Carolina,) WITHDRAWAL OF
Inc. Pursuant to the Telecommunications Act) PETITION FOR
of 1996.) ARBITRATION

This matter comes before the Public Service Commission of South Carolina ("Commission") on the Motion for Withdrawal of Petition for Section 252(b) Arbitration filed by BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc. ("BellSouth").

On January 25, 2000, BellSouth filed with this Commission a Petition for Arbitration with US LEC of South Carolina, Inc. ("US LEC"). BellSouth filed its Petition pursuant to Section 252(b) of the Telecommunications Act of 1996 ("1996 Act"). By its Motion filed March 24, 2000, BellSouth moves to withdraw its Petition for Arbitration. BellSouth informs the Commission that US LEC opted into the terms and conditions of the BellSouth/MCI Interconnection Agreement and that the BellSouth/US LEC opt-in agreement has been submitted for Commission approval, which was granted on March 21, 2000. Thus, no issues remain to be arbitrated by the Commission, and accordingly, BellSouth moves to withdraw its Petition for Arbitration.

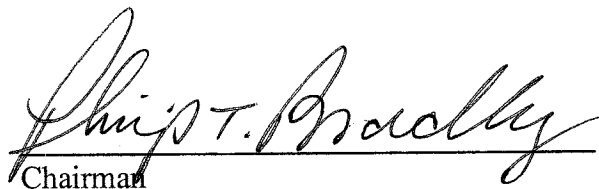
Upon consideration of BellSouth's Motion, the Commission finds and concludes that the Motion for Withdrawal of Petition for Arbitration should be granted. As the

parties no longer require arbitration of an interconnection agreement, the Commission finds no reason to proceed with the arbitration schedule previously established.

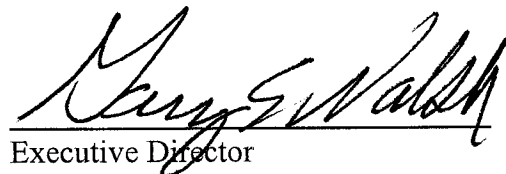
IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED THAT:

1. BellSouth's Petition for Arbitration requesting arbitration of outstanding issues with US LEC is withdrawn.
2. The arbitration schedule established by Order No. 2000-0123 dated February 3, 2000, is cancelled, and the hearing set for this matter is also cancelled. Further, the Commission orders that the instant docket be closed.
3. This Order shall remain in full force and effect until further Order of the Commission.

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:


Chairman

ATTEST:


Executive Director

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